

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources**  
**REAP City Parks and Open Space Grants – September 2017 (FY18)**

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**Grant Purpose:** The City Parks and Open Space account receives 15% of the REAP funds, after initial distributions are made as outlined in Chapter 33, for competitive grants to help cities establish natural areas, encouraging outdoor recreation and resource management. Three categories have been established to assure grants are distributed to all sizes of cities. Projects considered include development of parks, multi-purpose trails (emphasis on connecting existing trails), park shelters, lake or river shoreline restoration, fishing access, and habitat restoration.

**Funding Source(s):** Resource Enhancement And Protection Fund – City Park and Open Spaces

**Grant Funding Available:** \$2,123,105

<b>Category</b>	<b>City Population</b>	<b>Funding Available</b>
Small Cities	less than 2,000	\$480,667
Medium Cities	between 2,000 and 25,000	\$675,300
Large Cities	larger than 25,000	\$967,138

**Selection Committee Members:** As directed by Chapter 33, a review and selection committee consisting of five members (four non-DNR appointees and one DNR staff) scored the applications:

- City Representation
  - Michael Moran, retired, Iowa City Parks and Recreation Director
  - Jennifer Cowsert, Elkader City Administrator
  - Jennifer Davies, Slater Economic Development Director
  - Jack Wardell, Carroll Parks and Recreation Director
- DNR Representation
  - Monica Thelen, Executive Officer 2, Wildlife Bureau

**Summary of Selection Process:** As directed by criteria under Chapter 33.40, the selection committee reviewed and scored all applications. Examples of criteria considered include the relationship to relevant regional and statewide programs based on comprehensive plans (i.e. SCORP, County Resource Enhancement Plan, or local, state and federal plans), quality of site for land acquisition projects, environmental benefits, public benefit, and local support.

**Recommendation:** The committee recommends funding the projects listed in the Project Allocation. In the event that any of the grantees are unable to execute their project, the Department requests authority to offer those funds to the next highest scored projects that meet the grant criteria or return the funds to the grant program for distribution in the next grant cycle.

**ALLOCATION SUMMARY**

<b>CATETORY</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT RECOMMENDED</b>	<b># OF PROJECTS SCORED</b>	<b>PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING</b>
SMALL CITIES TOTALS	\$1,619,836	\$480,667	28	8
MEDIUM CITIES TOTALS	\$2,724,681	\$675,300	31	8

<b>LARGE CITIES TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,139,414</b>	<b>\$967,138</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>DISTRIBUTION TOTALS</b>	<b>\$7,483,931</b>	<b>\$2,123,105</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>21</b>

### **PROJECT ALLOCATIONS**

#### **2017 (FY18) REAP City Parks Open Spaces - SMALL CITIES - Population under 2,000**

<b>Ranked by Score</b>	<b>City Applicant</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Grant Amount Requested</b>	<b>Recommended Award</b>
<b>120.6</b>	<b>Allison</b>	<b>Wilder Park Acquisition</b>	This project will expand Wilder Park through the acquisition of 17.5- acres of land to be developed into public woodlands, prairie, and open space.	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b>110.8</b>	<b>Tabor</b>	<b>Main Street Pocket Park</b>	This project purchases 7800 square feet. This property is currently green space with no improvements. The city would preserve this area as a city park/open space and improve it to beautify main street. Management goals are to add a shelter, tables/benches and shade trees to brighten the downtown area, providing shade and shelter to make a welcoming place.	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b>105.6</b>	<b>Dunkerton</b>	<b>Open Space Acquisition and Development</b>	This project will fund, along with local funds, the acquisition of 5.44-acres of land to be dedicated public space. Within the area, the project calls for infiltration and drainage improvements, plantings, as well as the construction of a recreational trail.	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>99.8</b>	<b>Monona</b>	<b>City-Wide Butterfly Trail Ph. 2: Gateway Park to Butterfly Garden</b>	Monona's Butterfly Trail from Gateway Park to the existing Butterfly Gardens/Trail, wraps around a regional school, adjacent to an award winning urban stormwater runoff project and Monona's Aquatic Center. It installs approx. 1.5 acres of high quality native prairie through partnership with the IA DOT and USFWS. Two kiosks advance environmental learning and provide maps and information about adjacent and nearby city, state and federal natural recreational areas.	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b>99.8</b>	<b>Laurens</b>	<b>Pocahontas County Trail Phase 1</b>	This project acquires 2 miles (25.75) of discontinued railroad property extending from the city of Laurens west to 430 <sup>th</sup> Street. The acquisition is Phase 1 of the 2017 Pocahontas County Trail Master Plan designed to expand county and regional trail connectivity.	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b>97</b>	<b>McCausland</b>	<b>McCausland Park &amp; Educational Pavilion</b>	This project aims to establish a park and educational pavilion in the City of McCausland , in order to enhance the bucolic lands alongside the Wapsi River, and protect the waterfront from degradation. Enhancement and protection measures include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearing, developing, and preparing the land for restoration;</li> <li>• Installing an educational pavilion, trails, plant-life, and other park amenities;</li> <li>• and providing informational and educational context on nearby areas of environmental interest</li> </ul>	<b>\$22,817</b>	<b>\$22,817</b>
<b>95.4</b>	<b>Preston</b>	<b>Westside Park Expansion and Trail, Phase 1</b>	The Westside Park Expansion and Trail Project entails acquiring approx. 1.5 acres of land adjacent to the Westside Park. Expansion of park amenities and development of a 715 foot, 10' wide trail as the first phase of connecting the south side neighborhoods and	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

			Westside Park to Copper Creek Trail and Twogood Park.		
94.8	Manning	Three-way Trail Connection	This project will pave approximately 700 feet of concrete trail. This is the final piece of trail to connect three trail segments – the Trestle Park Trail, the Hospital Connector Trail, and the City Park Trail. This provides an underpass under Hwy 141.	\$50,000	<b>\$32,850</b>
92	Clarksville	Rolling Prairie Trailhead		\$75,000	-0-
91.6	Keota	Kewash Trailhead - Keota Phase 3 (Funding Line, if REAP were at \$20M)		\$75,000	-0-
91.4	Malvern	Boehner Pond Nature Trail	(Funding Line if REAP were funded at \$20M)	\$73,344	-0-
90.2	Dumont	Rolling Prairie Trail		\$50,000	-0-
87.6	Sibley	Comm. Trail Extension & Ed Winkle Regional Connection		\$75,000	-0-
87.4	Bristow	Rolling Prairie Trail		\$40,400	-0-
84.8	Underwood	Underwood Trail - Railroad Highway Project		\$50,000	-0-
84.6	Prairieburg	Baker Community Park Reconstruction		\$50,000	-0-
84.2	Eldon	Trail Extension thru Wapello Co. Fairgrounds		\$49,520	-0-
83.2	Keosauqua	Sunset Trail		\$75,000	-0-
81	Earling	Shimeroski Park Trail Improvements		\$50,000	-0-
80.8	Neola	Park Trail Improvements		\$50,000	-0-
80.2	Garber	Garber City Campground		\$50,000	-0-
78.8	Auburn	Grant Park Trailhead		\$50,000	-0-
77.6	Stuart	City Greenspace Improvements		\$66,105	-0-
73	Scranton	Scranton School Memorial Park Shelter House		\$50,000	-0-
72.6	Anthon	Walking and Biking Trails Improvement Project		\$50,000	-0-
72.6	Wall Lake	City Park Restroom Remodel		\$42,650	-0-
70.6	Arcadia	Shelter House Renovation		\$50,000	-0-
68.8	Vail	City Shelter House/City Park		\$50,000	-0-
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<b>SMALL CITIES TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,619,836</b>	<b>\$480,667</b>

### 2017 (FY18) REAP City Parks Open Spaces - MEDIUM CITIES - Population between 2,000 and 25,000

Ranked by Score	City Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	Grant Amount Requested	Recommended Award
108	Osceola	Wieland Property	The City of Osceola is seeking to acquire a 17-acre property and .5-acre easement located between East	\$75,000	\$75,000

			Elementary School and East Lake Park. Once acquired, a trail will be built through the property and easement beginning at the elementary school and ending at a direct access point to the park. The surrounding land will be converted back into natural prairie to be maintained by the Clarke County Conservation Board.		
105.2	Coralville	Forest Restoration Project	The Coralville Forest Restoration Project seeks to address non-native invasive species in targeted areas of Coralville forests and to manage stands in a way that encourages native tree populations. The project will focus on the removal of understory growth by manually removing and treating invasive species such as honeysuckle, oriental bittersweet, multiflora rose, burning bush, etc. from the target areas.	\$76,250	\$76,250
104.4	Clive	Northern Neighborhoods Greenbelt Acquisition	This is an acquisition of 9.96 acres of land that generally follows Little Walnut Creek, west of Alice's Road. This will be the fifth parcel in the area proposed for acquisition using REAP funding assistance. The first four parcels have been successfully acquired. This acquisition will bring the Greenbelt Park in the area to 68 acres.	\$125,000	\$125,000
102.4	Pleasant Hill	Hickory Glen Park	The City of Pleasant Hill is requesting \$100,000 for the construction of Hickory Glen Park Phase One. The project will lay the foundation for passive and active recreation opportunities and take advantage of the natural features offered in the park including the rolling topography, woodlands, drainage areas and open space. Earthwork, grading, utility, and roadway construction will be completed as well as the installation of prairie plantings, wetland establishment, check dams and trail connections.	\$100,000	\$100,000
101.6	Bloomfield	Davis County Regional Trail – City/County Connection	The Davis County Trail Council is developing phase 3 of Davis County's first multi-use recreation trail. Phase 3 includes phase 3A-B, construction of approximately 0.33 miles of 10'-wide concrete trail and establishing 1- acre of butterfly habitat. This portion of the trail connects the City of Bloomfield with Davis County's premier county park, the McGowen Recreation and Wildlife Area.	\$75,000	\$75,000
101.6	Storm Lake	West 10th Park	The City of Storm Lake is seeking to increase its stock of neighborhood parkland. The proposed W 101h Park development will incorporate cutting edge stormwater best management practices while providing a greenspace destination for families residing within the immediate adjacent neighborhoods and also the entire community.	\$75,000	\$75,000
95	Manchester	Riverfront - Phase 1 Improvements	The Riverfront – Phase 1 Improvements project involves civil, structural, and landscape components. The civil portion includes site preparation, parking lot, and utilities. The structural portion includes a shelter/restroom facility, and landscape component includes a water play feature, bench swing with canopy, observation area on the river, and plantings. The total project cost is \$975,000. The City will bond for \$875,000 to complete the project.	\$100,000	\$100,000
94.4	Altoona	Tuscany Water Trail Project	declined	\$125,000	-0-
94.4	Spirit Lake	Tatonka Ska Trace - Rail Trail Phase 2	Pending	\$75,000	\$49,050
93.2	Bondurant	City Park Land Acquisition		\$100,000	-0-

92.2	Knoxville	Competine Trail Phase 2 (Funding line, if REAP were funded at \$20M)	(Funding Line if REAP were funded at \$20M)	\$100,000	-0-
92	Bellevue	Felderman Park Phase 3		\$75,000	-0-
91.8	Glenwood	Glenwood City Trail and Trailhead - Phase 1		\$100,000	-0-
91.2	Evansdale	Meyers Lake Shoreline Rehabilitation, Phase 2		\$70,758	-0-
91	Bondurant	Bondurant-Altoona Trail Connection Underpass		\$100,000	-0-
90.2	Fort Madison	Connecting Fort Madison! Phase 3 Hospital (FMCH) Connector		\$125,000	-0-
89.8	Lamoni	Home Pond Trail Connection		\$67,000	-0-
88.6	Emmetsburg	Lakeside Park and Campground		\$75,000	-0-
87.4	Independence	Liberty Trail		\$100,000	-0-
87.4	Eldora	Iowa River Trail - Eldora Extension		\$75,000	-0-
83	Carroll	Veteran's Park to 30th Street Trail		\$125,000	-0-
83	Sheldon	Sheldon Crossing Trail		\$80,673	-0-
82.2	Sac City	Chautauqua Park Trail		\$75,000	-0-
82	La Porte City	Wolf Creek Rehab. & Park Development Combined Ph. 2 & 3		\$75,000	-0-
81.4	Sergeant Bluff	Loess Hills Scenic Trail Project		\$75,000	-0-
81.2	Asbury	Cloie Creek Park Trail Phase 2		\$63,000	-0-
80.8	Jefferson	Daubendiek Trail Project		\$75,000	-0-
80.6	Kalona	City Park Trail Loop		\$75,000	-0-
78.8	Grinnell	G.A.R.T. (Grinnell Area Recreation Trail) South Extension		\$100,000	-0-
78	Chariton	Trail along Illion Avenue		\$75,000	-0-
72.4	Anamosa	Wapsipinicon Trail - Final Part within Anamosa		\$92,000	-0-
<b>MEDIUM CITIES TOTAL</b>				<b>\$2,724,681</b>	<b>\$675,300</b>

### 2017 (FY18) REAP City Parks Open Spaces - LARGE CITIES - Population larger than 25,000

Ranked by Score	City Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	Grant Amount Requested	Recommended Award
115.8	Bettendorf	Forest Grove Park Phase II Forest Area Restoration	As part of the overall development of the site, this project includes continued restoration of dense forested land within the park focusing on the original 10-acre area and an expanded 15-acre area. Restoration includes continued removal of old fencing and discarded items, old vehicles, invasive plants, hazardous, downed or invasive trees, and	\$150,000	\$150,000

			continued stabilization of areas with severe erosion and additional planting of native savanna seed mix in open areas.		
<b>110.75</b>	<b>Iowa City</b>	<b>Hickory Hill Park Ecological Forest, Habitat &amp; Stream Bank Restor.</b>	Environmental enhancement activities for Hickory Hill Park include: clearing of invasive species, removal of select diseased trees, pruning of the tree canopy in select areas, stream bank stabilization and restoration of prairie areas.	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>109</b>	<b>Dubuque</b>	<b>Phase 2: Eagle Point Park Enviro. Restor. Mgmt Plan</b>	The City seeks funding to implement Phase 2 of the Eagle Point Park Environmental Restoration Management Plan. Implementation will improve sustainability by restoring and enhancing native plant communities and soil quality to provide new nature-based recreation opportunities for visitors, create habitat for wildlife, and foster sustainability. Phase 1 implementation actions are occurring with City, State and Federal monies. Phase 2 will enhance 33 acres of existing forest/woodland areas, representing 20% of the 164-acre community/regional park.	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>104</b>	<b>Council Bluffs</b>	<b>River's Edge Park Riparian Woodland Restoration Phase 1</b>	The project seeks to restore the understory of trees, along with large native trees and other plants within a portion of River's Edge Park. Mulberry, Silver Maple and weakened Cottonwood are the largest threats to this parks woodland longevity. Restoration efforts will contribute enormous environmental benefits, in terms of riverbank stabilization, improved wildlife habitat, better access to the river for fishing, and significant pollinator plots.	<b>\$164,970</b>	<b>\$164,970</b>
<b>102.2</b>	<b>Des Moines</b>	<b>Witmer Park Masterplan Update</b>	The proposed improvements include a mixture of development projects and natural resources improvements. The development components include a 2/3 mile, 8' wide multi-use trail system, two open air shelters, and ADA accessible fishing pier, and three interpretive sign panels. The natural resource improvements include two pond aerators, 2.65 acres of prairie/savanna restoration, 0.63 acres of shoreline restoration, and 0.37 acres of timber stand improvements and invasive species removal.	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$252,168</b>
<b>101.2</b>	Cedar Rapids	Bever Park Ecological Restoration Plan		\$78,400	-0-
<b>99.2</b>	Mason City	High Line Trail - Union Pacific Railroad Acquisition		\$150,000	-0-
<b>97.4</b>	Cedar Falls	North Prairie Lake Shoreline Improvements		\$88,000	-0-
<b>97</b>	Fort Dodge	Lizard Creek Access Improvements	(Funding Line if REAP were funded at \$20M)	\$50,000	-0-
<b>95.2</b>	Ankeny	NE Delaware Trail Connection Project		\$200,000	-0-
<b>94.6</b>	Urbandale	Walnut Creek Trail - 156th to Waterford Road		\$150,000	-0-
<b>94.6</b>	West Des Moines	Sugar Creek Greenway Trail Phase 1		\$200,000	-0-
<b>90</b>	Burlington	North Gorge Trail Expansion		\$148,625	-0-
<b>89.6</b>	Davenport	Veteran's Memorial Park - River Overlook		\$300,000	-0-
<b>87.4</b>	Marshalltown	Iowa River Trail Phase 3 – extend trail to Radio Tower Road		\$150,000	-0-

<b>87</b>	Sioux City	Big Sioux River to Hwy 12 Trail Project		\$270,322	-0-
<b>84.4</b>	Marion	Lowe Park South End Development		\$150,000	-0-
<b>84.4</b>	Waterloo	Castle Bluffs Park Development and Trailhead		\$189,097	-0-
<b>LARGE CITIES TOTAL</b>				<b>\$3,139,414</b>	<b>\$967,138</b>

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